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SUBJECT: CERP 002: CUBAN SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION TEAM ARRIVES

1. A 52-MAN ADVANCE CONTINGENT OF AN EVENTUAL CUBAN CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE OF 250 ARRIVED FROM HAVANA FEBRUARY 10. THE ADVANCE GROUP WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING FOR THEMSELVES AND THE REMAINDER OF THE BRIGADE WHICH IS DUE TO ARRIVE BY EARLY MARCH

2. ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE CUBAN GIFT AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL FOR 500 WHICH IS TO BE SITED AT TWICKENHAM PARK IN ST. CATHERINE WILL MOST LIKELY BEGIN IN LATE MARCH. THE SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN NINE MONTHS.

3. THE VALUE OF THE GIFT IS ESTIMATED AT OVER TWO MILLION DOLLARS AND INCLUDES LABOR, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT AND A PRE-FAB FACTORY PLANT, CAPABLE OF PRODUCING FIVE SUCH SCHOOLS PER YEAR. ALL EQUIPMENT AND THE FACTORY WILL REMAIN IN JAMAICA AFTER THE CUBANS DEPART.

4. COMMENT: APPREHENSION OVER THE LARGE NUMBER OF

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CUBANS ENTERING JAMAICA FOR THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

REMAINS RELATIVELY UNDIMINISHED COMPARED TO THE ORIGINAL
FUROR WHEN THE PROJECT WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED. MANY
JAMAICANS FEAR THAT THE CUBANS WILL SPREAD
COMMUNIST IDEALOGY ON THE ISLAND, AND WILL BE PROVIDING
PARA-MILITARY TRAINING TO PNP PARTY YOUTH
AND OTHER RADICAL GROUPS. GERARD

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